

**We know why he wants to fix
Social Security.**



**We can't figure out why AARP's
leaders are standing in the way.**

AARP's leaders in Washington are fighting against Social Security reform, which doesn't make sense when you consider that:

- **Two-thirds* of AARP members believe Social Security needs to be fixed now.**
- **Sixty-one percent of AARP members believe personal retirement accounts are a good idea.**
- **AARP members are more likely to support personal retirement accounts than seniors who aren't members of AARP.**

America's seniors have always looked out for future generations. The question is, who's looking out for America's seniors?



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*Ayres, McHenry & Associates, survey of 800 voters age 55 or older, March 6-8, 2005; margin of error 3.46%.



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Mr. William D. Novelli
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Dear Mr. Novelli:

I trust this finds you well. Because I know of your sincere commitment to representing the interests of America's seniors, I wanted to share with you the results of an intriguing new survey that assesses older Americans' views on Social Security reform.

This poll confirms everything we in the *Generations Together* campaign see at the grassroots level on a daily basis. The more seniors learn about Social Security reform, the more they like it.

The survey found that seniors strongly support reforming Social Security and the establishment of voluntary personal accounts. Of particular interest to you will be the finding that AARP members are more supportive of personal retirement accounts than are seniors who opt out of joining AARP.

We hope these findings will persuade AARP to reassess its hostility to Social Security reform and to craft a policy position that better reflects the views of its membership.

I have enclosed the full questionnaire, a summary of findings and an explanation of the survey methodology.

The poll was conducted by Ayres, McHenry & Associates. You may be familiar with the firm, as its research was helpful in establishing public support for the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, the landmark legislation on which you worked so tirelessly and effectively. Dr. Whit Ayres, the firm's president, would be happy to answer any questions you may have on the survey.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these materials. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can work together to strengthen Social Security for all generations.

Sincerely,

Derrick Max
Executive Director